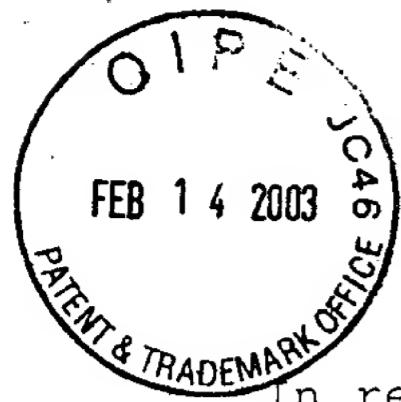


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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of January 14, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 as
follows:

--According to another preferred embodiment of the
process of the invention, step a) for transformation of the -COOH
group into the -CON₃ group is carried out by the treatment, with
hydrazine, of an activated amino acid derivative in which the
amino group is protected, to obtain a hydrazide, which is then
subjected to a nitrosation.--